

Senate Resolution 947

By: Senator Adelman of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Truancy Intervention Project; and for other purposes.

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3 WHEREAS, in 1991, the leadership of the Atlanta Bar Association began to collaborate with
4 the Fulton County Juvenile Court, Atlanta Public Schools, Fulton County Schools and others
5 to combat truancy in Fulton County; and

6 WHEREAS, the Truancy Intervention Project (TIP) pairs truants referred to the Court with
7 caring legal advocates who not only represent them in Court, but become legal mentors for
8 the children and their families; and

9 WHEREAS, touting an 82 percent success rate, TIP has been recognized by local legal
10 organizations and the state and American Bar Associations; and

11 WHEREAS, the program is currently being replicated throughout Georgia, with fifteen other
12 Georgia counties having adopted the TIP model in their communities; and

13 WHEREAS, since TIP's inception, volunteers across the state have represented more than
14 4,500 children and trained over 1,500 members from virtually every segment of the legal
15 community to be committed mentors; and

16 WHEREAS, in Fulton County alone, the efforts of TIP volunteers have resulted in savings
17 of over \$3.8 million in court-appointed legal fees; and

18 WHEREAS, with a proven track record of success in every demographic area of the state,
19 TIP will celebrate its fifteenth year of service in 2006.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 join in commending the Truancy Intervention Project for its outstanding work in the
3 community and thank all of the TIP volunteers for their invaluable service to Georgia's youth.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Truancy Intervention Project.